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*Beginning Oct. 20*

## Gate 4 to be limited to outbound traffic

Courtesy Directorate of Public Works

Phase 3 of Gate 4 construction is scheduled to begin Oct. 20. Traffic through Gate 4 will be impacted dramatically for a period of 12 to 15 working days — adverse weather could extend the time.

Only inbound traffic will be allowed through Gate 4 and will be channeled to the far left (east) lane. Outbound traffic will be diverted to the other primary and secondary gates: Gates 1, 2, 3, 5 and 20. This will enable the contractors to complete the gatehouse canopy work, which includes placing scaffolding all the way around the canopy to safely install roof decking, soffit and fascia, install light fixtures and lightning arrestor equipment, and to place the final lift of asphalt on the road north and south of the gatehouse/canopy complex.

Remember, it is a construction zone, and the maximum speed limit through Gate 4 is still 20 miles per hour. The MPs will be issuing speeding tickets, and will be instituting "fines double for speeding" policy that exists in most off-post construction zones. Colorado traffic laws are enforceable on post.



Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld speaks to soldiers during a townhall meeting Tuesday at Manhart Field. "It is a time of change; it is a time of challenge, and you (Fort Carson soldiers) have risen to this challenge," said Rumsfeld in his opening remarks.

## Rumsfeld: Troops should be in Iraq about 12 months

by Spc. Jon Wiley  
Mountaineer staff

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld addressed a crowd of servicemembers, spouses, Department of Defense civilian employees and other members of the Mountain Post community on Manhart Field Tuesday.

He was in Colorado Springs to preside over a three-day conference attended by representatives of 27 nations who are members of, or associated with, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Addressing members of the armed forces who were assembled, Rumsfeld said, "Each of you have been chosen by destiny to serve in this unique time in the history of our country. It is a time of change; it is a time of challenge, and you have risen to this challenge."

After a short speech, he answered questions from audience members with candor.

To a servicemember who asked if and when United Nations security forces would assume more responsibility

on the ground in Iraq, he replied, "It isn't knowable." He explained that as a young man he learned not even to hazard a guess to a question if he doesn't know the answer.

About the length of deployments, he said, "The single statement I've heard from the Army, and I believe it to be definitive, is that boots on the ground will be up to one year."

He said he does not foresee servicemembers being deployed overseas for longer than a year unless some major unanticipated event occurs.

He also promised to look into the high cost of long distance phone calls made by soldiers deployed in Iraq.

During his visit, his wife Joyce, met with Family Readiness Group leaders at the Army Community Service building and listened to the concerns of spouses of deployed soldiers. Lynn Wilson, wife of Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, commander of Fort Carson and the 7th Infantry Division, escorted her.



Photo by Spc. Jon Wiley

## Leaving for Iraq ...

Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 43rd Area Support Group wait for take off Friday night. The soldiers deployed to Iraq to replace soldiers coming home.

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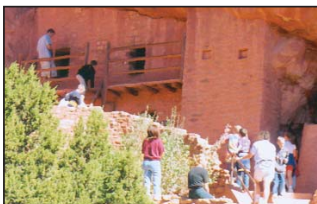
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The post will observe a training holiday Friday and Columbus Day Monday.

Post Weather hotline:  
526-0096

## Trading in the the bat ...

# Baseball stars set aside careers

by **Spc. Rachael Tolliver**  
Army News Service

**FORT DRUM, N.Y.** — My husband and I recently marked seven years of wedded bliss. As a type of celebration, the love of my life decided we should go somewhere for the weekend. His choice? Cooperstown, N.Y. ... be still my heart.

When we arrived in Cooperstown, I was surprised to see it did not resemble my preconceived notion of a factory metropolis encroaching on the hallowed ground of baseball fans. And I was relieved to find it had more to offer than that for which it has become so famous.

It was quaint — located on the tip of Lake Otsego, and surrounded on both sides by tall hills. Cooperstown is a well-preserved small town, with small-town charm, settled by William Cooper.

While William Cooper did not mean much to me, his son's name certainly did. James Fenimore Cooper, author of "Last of the Mohicans," "The Pioneers," and "The Deer Slayer," was born in Cooperstown. Many of James Fenimore Cooper's stories were set in and around the Cooperstown area.

This quaint village also plays host to the Farmers' Museum, the Cooperstown Brewing Company, the Fenimore House Museum and several other wonderful attractions. One of those attractions is, of course, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, for which the town is most famous.

Admission to the Hall of Fame, as well as the Farmers' Museum, is free for military personnel. There are several displays to visit, but the one we spent the most time at was the wall of fame with all the plaques

of the inductees. The reason? We did not just look up our favorite players from days gone by, we visited each plaque that was decorated with a military disk identifying branch of the military in which the player served.

I was familiar with Ted Williams' service in the Marines during World War II and the Korean War, and I knew Pee Wee Reese was in the Navy during World War II. But I did not realize that so many ball players served in the military from 1942 to the Korean War. In all, one Hall of Famer served in the Civil War, 25 members served in World War I, 35 members and more than 500 major league players served in World War II, and five Hall of Fame members served in the Korean War.

For example, Ernie Banks, Whitey Ford and Willie Mays were all in the Army during the Korean War. During World War II, Yogi Berra served in the Navy and was stationed on a rocket launcher off the coast of Normandy Beach just after D-Day, while Leon Day, who was drafted into the Army, participated in Normandy after landing on Utah Beach with an amphibian unit.

Hoyt Wilhelm, whose knuckleballer won 143 games including a record 124 out of the bullpen and who started for the Orioles in 1958 where he pitched a no-hitter against the Yankees, served in the Army and earned a Purple Heart during the Battle of the Bulge.

Bob Feller was the first major leaguer to volunteer for active duty, enlisting in the Navy just two days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He served as an anti-aircraft gunner on the battleship Alabama with the Third Fleet, which fought in battles at Tarawa, Iwo Jima and the Marshall Islands. The Hall of Fame pitch-

er authored three no-hitters and a record-sharing 12 one-hitters, compiled 266 wins and struck out 2,581 batters in his 18-year career, despite missing four years of his prime because of World War II.

Warren Spahn was the winningest left-handed pitcher in history with 363 wins. He served three years as a combat engineer during World War II, saw action during the Battle of the Bulge, was wounded in the foot and survived the collapse of the Remagen Bridge in Germany.

Phil Rizzuto, and Stan Musial, to name a couple, were both in the Navy. Joe DiMaggio was in the Army Air Corps, as was Hank Greenberg and Enos Slaughter.

Jackie Robinson was in the Army and was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., which happens to be in my backyard. In fact, Robinson signed his historic contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers while at Camp Breckenridge!

Something else I did not know was that Happy Chandler, whom I knew was a United States senator and a governor of Kentucky, was baseball's commissioner from 1945 to 1951. I found this out when I saw his Hall of Fame plaque with a military disk recognizing his World War II service in the Army.

America's favorite pastime was secured by those who served in our other, but least favorite pastime: war. When I look at all the men, Hall of Famers or not, who took time out from their ball careers to protect this country and our way of life, a service disk hardly seems like enough recognition.

**Editor's note:** *Spc. Rachael Tolliver is a journalist with the 10th Mountain Division.*

## Hispanic Heritage Month ...

Colorado Springs' mayor, Lionel Rivera spoke at Cochran Hall in the Evans Army Community Hospital Friday during the hospital's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. "Any opportunity to come speak at a military installation is an honor for me, especially Fort Carson where I served, and especially during Hispanic Heritage Month," said Rivera.



Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

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# News

## Combined Federal Campaign kicks off

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix  
Mountaineer staff

The Combined Federal Campaign kicked off Oct. 1 at 9 a.m. at Elkhorn

Catering and Conference Center.

The CFC is an annual fund-raising drive conducted by federal employees in their workplace each fall.



Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

**Gayle Carley, director of fund development for Court-appointed Advocates of Abused Children of Colorado Springs, hands out literature to soldiers from B Company, 10th Combat Support Hospital Sgt. Stephanie Hanson, CFC representative, and Staff Sgt. Fanny Tacury, CFC noncommissioned officer-in-charge.**

Each year, federal employees and military personnel raise millions of dollars through the CFC that benefit thousands of nonprofit charities.

The CFC's mission is "to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all," according to the CFC Web site.

"We have an opportunity here today to be hometown heroes," Maj. Gen. Robert Wilson, commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson at the Fort Carson kick off.

Eighty plus booths from a variety of charities were set up to inform project leaders from all units on post of what they were all about.

This year's campaign theme is "Heroes of the Pikes Peak region, be one through the Combined Federal Campaign."

Last year, the CFC of the Pikes Peak region was extremely successful in fund raising and providing awareness, according to Wilson. The White

House recognized the region's efforts with awards for their innovation and for producing an increase in participation.

"Such success is directly attributed to the hard work of the coordinators and key workers," said Sgt. 1st Class Ron Cook, operation noncommissioned officer, Directorate of Community Activities.

During the six-week campaign, soldiers and workers pledge to give a certain amount of money to the charity of their choice. There is an array of charities to choose from through the CFC, including the Wounded Troops' Fund, a Pikes Peak United Way fund.

The PPUW donates funds to various community programs, recognizing the critical need to support local families separated by the war, the PPUW has decided to allocate half of the funds received through the CFC to the Wounded Troops' Fund.

Unit supervisors will provide charity enrollment forms for the year 2004. The deadline to turn in the forms is Nov. 14.

# Winter's nearly here

## *Avoid safety problems, get your car ready now*

by **Spc. Jon Wiley**  
**Mountaineer staff**

Don't let the blue sky and warm weather fool you it's October in Colorado, and another Rocky Mountain winter is just around the corner. Now is the time to start thinking about making sure your vehicles are winter ready.

The Fort Carson Safety Office has several tips for motorists navigating ice-slicked roads this season.

"The most important thing is to have your battery and tires checked," said Jenny James, a safety and occupational health specialist here.

Make sure the terminal ends of your vehicle's battery are free from cracks and corrosion and that the cable connectors are secure. James said she knows a

lot of people can do this themselves, but she recommended having a mechanic do the check.

When checking tires, be sure the tread is at least four millimeters deep and that they are inflated to correct pressure. Also, make sure your tires match. Don't mix radial tires with bias ply.

Additionally, "Winter tires are strongly recommended for this area, and chains are required for mountain driving," James said.

Besides the battery and tires, make sure your vehicle's light system is functioning properly. Do all the lights work? Are the headlights properly aimed?

After checking the lights, make sure your vehicle has enough oil and antifreeze. Routine maintenance is even

more important in the winter months.

Other things that are important to check are the brakes, heater, exhaust system, defroster, thermostat, wipers and fluid and ignition system.

James also recommends keeping at least a half of tank of gas in your vehicle at all times to avoid being stranded.

In case you do get stranded, be sure to pack a winter car kit. Include water, nonperishable food, blankets, extra socks and mittens, a flashlight, jumper cables, a small shovel, a snowbrush with a scraper and a hazard sign and or flares.

James said you should carry a sack of sand or kitty litter for extra traction in case your vehicle's tires get stuck in the snow.

Remember, proper preparation is

### Vehicle checklist

- Battery
- Tires
- Antifreeze
- Oil level
- Exhaust system
- Hazards
- Heater
- Brakes
- Thermostat
- Lights
- Defroster
- Wipers and fluid
- Ignition system

the best defense against any hazard. Before the cold weather sets in, make sure your vehicle is ready for it.

# Military

## Troopers help secure future for Iraq

by Maj. Joel D. Hamilton  
3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

The cannoneers of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, "Rock Hard," Battalion, stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., deploy with the troopers of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment whenever they conduct operations at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

The cannoneers also deployed with the 3rd ACR in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom is no exception. Lt. Col. David Hill, 2nd Bn., 5th FA Bn. Commander and his cannoneers have fought hard alongside the regimental troopers, truly assimilating into the proud traditions and legacy of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen. Troopers of the 2nd Bn., 5th FA have performed a myriad of combat operations, including a traditional fire support delivery role, security missions of fixed sites and training Iraqi security protection forces.

The 2nd Bn., 5th FA trains annually for rotations at NTC, where it usually fires large volumes of artillery munitions in support of 3rd ACR troopers engaged in combat with opposing forces. This deployment is unique for the cannoneers in that the majority of their missions are focused upon engaging the local populace with goodwill and civil projects. These missions covered an area of operations that extended more than 30 Km.

"We came here expecting to simply be artillery-

men, punching rounds downrange. We were called on to do many things outside of the artillery and combined arms aspect, ranging from civilian guard force training, patrolling and site security missions, as well as firing counter mortar fire and illumination. All soldiers of the battalion have broadened their knowledge base outside of the artillery realm," said 1st Lt. Alex Wright, executive officer for the Battery A, 2nd Bn., 5th FA.

The battalion maintained its headquarters out of the Al Anbar University campus in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Its presence at the university also provided security for the student population attending classes there. In addition to its university security presence, the battalion provided security for the U.N. World Food Program, facilitating the distribution of mainstay food items in the town of Ar Ramadi. A large part of this security mission involved training elements of the new Iraqi Facility Protection Service, whose primary mission is to take over security of the many static sites that Coalition forces are now guarding. 2nd Bn., 5th FA has successfully completed its train-up of the FPS forces, which now provide security and protection at many of the sites the 2nd Bn., 5th FA once guarded.

Relieved of these missions, the battalion moved further west in continued support of 3rd ACR as it conducts border security missions, focusing on curtail-

ing illegal border activity, such as illegal entry and smuggling. The border between Syria and Iraq is extremely porous and it is suspected many subversive groups of foreign fighters are gaining illegal entry through the numerous breaches that exist along its expanse. The regiment, along with the cannoneers of the 2nd Bn., 5th FA is ideally suited for this mission and is looking forward to the challenges that this border mission entails. The regimental combat team will take this fight to the enemy and be successful.

The demonstrated proficiency in executing every mission to the highest of standards led to the 2nd Bn., 5th FA being given the Regimental mission of training the newly developed Iraqi Civil Defense Corps the foundation for a secure and prosperous future for all Iraqis. The ICDC is similar in its makeup and mission to the National Guard forces that comprise America's Reserve Component. The Coalition Provisional Authority is establishing the ICDC to help the Coalition with daily internal security operations. The ICDC will consist of 21 battalions, essentially one in each provincial governorate, plus four in Baghdad. The ICDC will remain under the control of coalition forces while it conducts operations in Iraq. Participants in the ICDC will perform tasks such as: linguist or translator

# Military Briefs

## Pregnant and postpartum physical training program helps soldiers:

- Stay in shape, minimize weight gain,
- Exercise with other moms-to-be.
- Lose the weight.
- Educational classes on parenting, infant care, nutrition, pregnancy, and more.
- Tailored to all pregnant and postpartum soldiers

Register now at the wellness center 526-3887, building 1526, Family Readiness Center.

**Aerobic instructors are needed for** pregnant, active duty soldiers one day a week from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Volunteers will work with units during PT hours if active duty. For more information, call Capt. Cindy Craddock at 526-4393

**Support single soldiers** and bowl at a discounted price at the bowling center, building 1511, Saturday from midnight to 3 a.m. The cost is \$7.50 per person which includes shoes and unlimited bowling. For more information, call Sgt. Kara Hines 524-2677

## CIF Hours

**Central Issue Facility hours of operation**

**Regular business hours**  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30

to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

**Initial/partial issues**  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m.

**Direct exchange**  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

**Partial turn-ins**  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

**Full turn-ins**  
Appointments are scheduled  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 524-2006 or 526-2729.

Effective immediately:  
Replacement will be scheduled  
Mondays, Thursdays and Friday mornings.

Demobilized units tentatively have  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays to schedule out processing.

Mobilization units will schedule unit direct exchange by appointment. Unit supply sergeants will collect soldiers' DX items and schedule CIF appointments. A CIF employee will work one-on-one with supply sergeant vs. having bus loads of soldiers arrive at CIF to exchange one or two items.

Active-duty units — PCS/ETS/chapters/retirees will make an initial out processing appointment (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays) for turn-in. All follow-on appointments (14 OCIE items or less) will be scheduled if needed.

Bulk issue and turn-ins — By appointment only.

Appointments can be made with

Connie Thompson at 526-4057 or 524-2006. POC for this information is Mark A. Rudd Sr., CIF supervisor at 526-6477.

## Briefings

**eArmyU** — eArmyU program briefings are conducted at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center, building 1117, Tuesdays at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

**Are you ETSing?** If you're within 120 days of end of time in service, you must immediately call 526-2607 or 526-2599 to make your appointment for your mandatory Reserve Component Briefing.

**The Commanding General's Newcomers' Brief** is the third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. at McMahon Theater.

## Laundry Service

**Post Laundry Service** — The Post Laundry service provides free laundry and dry cleaning service to soldiers for government-owned property only. Items issued by the Central Issue Facility should be cleaned at the Post Laundry prior to turn in. Soldiers are reminded to allow extra time for items to return from the cleaners. It is not recommended to pick up your equipment on the same day as the scheduled CIF appointment. The turn around for the service is 72 hours. No appointment is necessary. The Post Laundry will not clean personal items like BDUs, boots, tent pegs, canteens, entrenching tools or wet-weather gear. Material TA-50 items that can be washed include: sleeping bag assembly, chemical suits, Gortex, ruck sacks, coveralls, CVC jackets and most web equip-

ment.  
Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:45 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. For more information, call 526-8806 or 526-8804.

## Hours of operation

**The Mountain Post Training and Education Center's** hours for certain programs and services will change Monday.

Hours are:  
eArmyU Testing center, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Army Learning Center and Basic Skills Classes, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Counselor Support Center, Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Claims Division hours** — The Claims Division office hours are now Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. The office is closed Fridays.

Personnel Claims hours:  
Mandatory briefing: Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Submit DD 1840/1840R

Receive documents for filing:  
Submitting completed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Claims: 1 to 4 p.m. Closed on Friday.

If there is an emergency personnel claims issue on Friday, call Tina Kolb at 526-1352 to see if it warrants an appointment.

**Editor's note:** The deadline for submitting "briefs" to the Mountaineer is 5 p.m. Friday before publication.

# Troopers

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support, vehicle drivers, security missions of fixed sites, crowd or riot control, and natural disaster assistance.

The ICDC candidate is locally recruited from his hometown or village with the help of community leaders. Former Iraqi military members are eligible to participate, provided they served below the rank of colonel. By recruiting from within the town they will support, the ICDC members aim to achieve legitimacy from the beginning. The period of service is limited to a year and members can transition into the New Iraqi Army at the end of their service obligation.

Soldiers of the 2nd Bn., 5th FA will be responsible for training one ICDC battalion, consisting of 846 members, for the entire Al Anbar province. Al Anbar is the largest province in Iraq and encompasses an area roughly the size of North Carolina. The cannoners

will institute a training academy that administers a 56-hour program of instruction focusing on the following tasks: proper wear of the uniform, solid understanding of the rules of engagement, weapons training and maintenance, searching a detainee and vehicle, identification of unidentified explosives and improvised explosive devices, basic first aid, familiarization with Coalition rank, understanding basic commands in English, and establishing security at a check point.

The 2nd Bn., 5th FA cannoners and regimental troopers are achieving many successes at countering this anti-Coalition activity and maintain a constant vigilance against this ever present threat. Examples of anti-Coalition activity in the Al Anbar province range from small arms and improvised explosive device attacks to enemy mortar and rocket attacks against the regimental base camps.

The Paladin howitzer systems of the 2nd Bn., 5th FA, along with artillery and mortar-finding radar systems attached to the regiment, acquired enemy mortar

systems firing and successfully engaged and silenced these systems. While in Ar Ramadi, the guns of the 2nd Bn., 5th FA would rotate a dedicated howitzer platoon, known as a "Hot Platoon," with the howitzer batteries of the regiment, to provide continuous coverage of the Ar Ramadi area. The radar would send its acquisitions to the regimental fire support element, who would ensure the mission did not violate minimum safe distances to friendly troops and populated areas, and then send the mortar location to the fire direction centers.

The exemplary performance of the troopers and cannoners has not been without a heavy price. The regiment has lost a total of 19 personnel, including one cannoner from the 2nd Bn., 5th FA during Operation Iraqi Freedom. 3rd ACR and the 2nd Bn., 5th FA deployed to the Iraqi theater of operations in early April and continue to serve proudly in what has become known as Iraq's Wild, Wild, West.

# Dining Schedule


Week of Oct. 11 to 17

**Weekday Dining Facilities**  
43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)  
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)  
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)  
10th SFG (A) (building 7481)  
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

**Weekday Meal Hours**  
Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)  
6:30 to 8:30 a.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield dining facility is closed until further notice.
- Strikers Cafe is closed Saturday through Monday.
- Cheyenne Mtn. Inn is closed Saturday through Monday.
- Mountaineer Inn is closed until further notice.



**Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities**  
3rd ACR Cav. House. (building 2461)  
43rd ASG (building 1040)  
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)  
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

**Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Meal Hours**  
Breakfast 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
3 to 5 p.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)



Photos by Aimee J. Felix

## *In memory ...*

Retired 1st Sgt. Ernie Mazurkiewicz played "Taps" after a firing of volleys in a memorial service Oct. 2 in Soldiers' Memorial Chapel for Staff Sgt. Frederick Louis Miller Jr. assigned to K Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Miller, 27, of Hagerstown, Ind., was killed Sept. 20 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, while conducting a security patrol when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle. Among other medals, Miller has been awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. Miller is survived by his wife, Jamie, who is due to have their child in December. He is also survived by his two children, Haley and Sierra, his parents Frederick and Anne, his sister Jolene and his two brothers Justin and Randy.

## Greenback

Refinancing your home ...

# Good or bad decision? It depends

**1st Lt. Theodore Stutz**  
**Mountaineer staff**

Mortgage companies have been aggressively advertising low refinance mortgage rates. The numbers they publish can be very tempting to homeowners. Refinancing can make sense to lots of people who bought houses when rates were higher and plan to keep the house for a long time, or who want to consolidate their bills.

However, not everyone would benefit from refinancing. Homeowners with second mortgages, plans to sell the house in less than three years, or a lot of debt and trouble paying bills on time might find that they would pay more by refinancing than by sticking with the loan they already have.

### Reasons to keep your current mortgage

A homeowner, who paid less than 10 percent of the cost of the house in a down payment, even three years ago, has not increased his equity or ownership percentage very much. So if he plans to sell in the near future, even if major improvements have been made in the home, most of the profit will go back to pay off the loan. Therefore, if you want to make a profit on the house, which is a good idea now that tax

rules have changed on this income, you really want to minimize how much you have to pay back on the original loan. When you refinance, you will pay an extra amount called closing costs, which primarily go to the refinance company. This amount may be paid upfront or rolled into the price of the house. If it's rolled in, this adds to the amount of the loan, and therefore takes away from how much you get when you sell. Lenders spread this amount over the 30-year loan so it looks like a small amount, but be careful not to let them mislead you about its existence. If this cost did not exist they could not stay in business.

The way to determine if you will win or lose here is to do a break-even analysis. Take the total amount of your closing costs (any cost associated with the refinance whether it is rolled in or not, lenders are required by law to give this to you) and divide it by the amount you will be decreasing your monthly payment by. The number you will get is the number of monthly payments you will have to pay at the new lower amount in order to recoup all of your costs.

Example: old monthly payment = \$1,000, new payment after refinance \$900, Savings equal \$100. Total closing costs = \$3,000. Take \$3,000 and divide by \$100 = 30. You have to make 30 more payments at the lower rate before you really save any money.

If, because of some creative financing by your lender it is difficult for you to determine your closing cost, or to double check things, you can use this test that I came up with. Note, that this is not used by any bank and is completely unofficial and not standard, but offered simply to help you.

Multiply the amount you will save each month on your mortgage payment by the number of months that you will be keeping the house. This amount should be four times the amount of your old mortgage payment in order to ensure that refinancing is a good financial decision. If you apply this to the example above you will see that my formula requires an additional 10 months at the lower rate. This represents the generous buffer that my formula includes to keep people from losing money. If you are sure of your closing costs, use the break-even analysis above.

A second situation that makes keeping your existing mortgage a better idea is when we are not as attractive to lenders as we were when we first bought the house. Many homeowners have taken out second liens in the form of home equity loans and lines of credit. Others have taken advantage of recent looseness in credit to borrow more than their houses are worth and used the extra money to fulfill other needs.



# Make A Difference Oct. 25

by Gwen Ragle

## Installation Volunteer Coordinator

Millions of Americans across the country will spend Oct. 25 doing volunteer projects to improve their communities and help neighbors in need. "Make A Difference Day" is the largest community service effort in the nation, rallying corporations, government leaders, charitable organizations and everyday Americans into action on one day.

For the seventh year, Agilent Technologies, Colorado Springs Utilities, the Air Force Academy, Peterson Air Force Base, Fort Carson, Eltec Corporation, the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Care & Share, Keep Colorado Springs Beautiful and the Pikes Peak Volunteer Center will oversee Colorado's largest Make A Difference Day event. More than 800 volunteers will be involved in various projects.

Individuals, corporations and communities who work together to reach worthwhile goals bring about positive change. Each year citizens volunteer their time, talents and expertise in projects that make an important difference throughout the Pikes Peak Region.

Volunteers make life better for others and at the same time, enrich their own lives. With cooperation and a shared vision of how things can be better, anything is possible. The role of the volunteer is important and rewarding.

2003 Colorado Springs' projects are:

1. Turkey Creek Recreation Area on Fort Carson property (100+ volunteers), south of Fort Carson on Highway 115. Projects will include beautification, painting fences, planting trees and shrubs, cleaning out the creek ditch, placement of fence posts, cleaning saddles as well as tack. Work boots, sturdy shoes and work gloves are required. Ages 16 and older.

2. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo (200 volunteers): 4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Rd. Projects will include moving brush and mulch, food preparation, replace fence boards, clean the shed, pick weeds, rake leaves, cleaning the maintenance shop, horticulture projects, holiday light hanging, office help, camp preparation, arts and crafts, stick finding, cleaning cages, barn cleaning, petting zoo cleanup and much more. Ages 16 and older.

3. Glen Eyrie Conference Center (30 volunteers): 3820 N. 30th St. General indoor and outdoor beautification. Family-oriented volunteer projects.

4. Care & Share, Inc. (50 volunteers): 4875 Northpark Drive. Care and Share is a food bank which distributes over 4 million pounds of food to non-profit organizations throughout southern Colorado. On Make A Difference Day we will be sorting tens of thousands of pounds of donated food for distribution.

Everything will be provided. Volunteers should wear closed-toed shoes and clothing that can get a little dirty. Families with children are welcome, however keep in mind that parents need to be responsible for monitoring their children. Care & Share is not staffed to supervise children.

5. Keep Colorado Springs Beautiful (150 volunteers): General hiking and biking trail beautification. Work boots or sturdy shoes, and work gloves are required. Recommended for ages 16 and older.

6. Garden of the Gods Park (50+ volunteers): Volunteer projects will include general park clean up and beautification. Sturdy shoes, work gloves and sunscreen is recommended as projects will be outdoors. Recommended for ages 16 and older.

Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place the fourth Saturday of October. Last year, more than two million people took part in the massive effort to do good in communities around the country. This year, the 13th Make A Difference Day is expected to produce the largest turnout of volunteers ever.

Join Fort Carson, Oct. 25, in making a difference. Contact Gwen Ragle, Installation Volunteer Coordinator, at 526-4590 for details. Registration deadline is Friday.

## Greenback

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These folks will have trouble finding a lender that will refinance their mortgage at reasonable rates because, unless your income has increased with your debt amount, you may have a high-risk debt to income ratio. The same risk exists for someone who had good credit, but has made a few late payments, whose credit card balances have skyrocketed during the recent tough times, or whose income has fallen. None of this will exclude someone from refinancing entirely. Almost any borrower can find a willing lender. The problem is that borrowers with smudged credit may not qualify for the super low advertised rates and may find the rates they qualify for today are either higher than the rates they already have, or not low enough to make refinancing worthwhile. If this is the case the lender may stretch your mortgage out further than you are comfortable with in order to bring monthly payments down. The dangerous end state of this is owing more than the house is worth when it comes time to sell.

Do not hurry into this process thinking that you will miss out on low rates. Make sure that the new interest rate, the new length of the loan, and the new terms of the loan are agreeable before you jump for a lower monthly payment.

# Fort Carson elects new village mayors

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix  
Mountaineer staff

The new Fort Carson Village mayors and deputy mayors were inaugurated Sept. 24 in a ceremony at Elkhorn Catering and Conferencing Center.

After a luncheon, the ceremony started with all 27 mayors and deputy mayors taking their oaths of office. Following, all the mayors and deputy mayors were presented with awards, both for their election and for completing their training, which all new mayors and deputy mayors are required to undergo. The Army Community Service Mayoral Program provided the mayors' training Sept. 19.

The mayors and deputy mayors were elected Aug. 28, and their terms in office officially began Sept. 1.

Following are the new Fort Carson Village mayors and deputy mayors:

Apache Village: Mayor Kim Routen and Deputy Mayor Eva Ferrel

Arapahoe Village: Mayor Michelle Bryant and Deputy Mayor Lindsey Standerfer

Blackfoot Hills Village: Mayor Mary Dantzler and Deputy Mayor Sgt. Maj. Arnold Lewis

Cherokee Village East: Mayor Amanda Gillard and Deputy Mayor Misty Lollar

Cherokee Village West: Mayor Moriah Dale and Deputy Mayor Jennifer Maschino

Cheyenne Village: Mayor Sylvia Baca and Deputy Mayor Richard Simmion

Choctaw Village: Mayor Mayor Staff Sgt. Brian Leary and Deputy Mayor Tanya Boots

Comanche Village: Mayor Fabiola Boxley and



Photo by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix

**The new Fort Carson Village mayors and deputy mayors took their oaths of office during the mayoral inauguration ceremony Sept. 24 at Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center.**

Deputy Mayor Virginia Carl

Kiowa Village: Mayor Brenda Keller and Deputy

Mayor Mindy Casale

Navajo Village: Mayor Amanda Gallagher and

Deputy Mayor Nickole Voights

Pawnee Village: Mayor Linda Funkhouser and

Deputy Mayor Dawn Learned

Shoshoni Village: Mayor Adellee Waites and

Deputy Mayor Jean McClintock

Sioux Village: Mayor Kristi Meyer and Deputy

Mayor Anna Anzo

Ute Hill Village: Mayor Lori Gill

# Community

## Family's wish: SMA awareness

**Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger  
Mountaineer staff**

There is little that separates this girl from any other 2-year-old girl. She likes to sing and play, wearing fake fairy princess wings and laughing. She is very bright for her age. The only thing that makes her different from other children is her wheelchair.

Zoe, 2, has Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a disease of the anterior horn cells. Anterior horn cells are located in the spinal cord. SMA affects the voluntary muscles for activities including, walking, head and neck control and swallowing.

"Zoe developed normally until she was 6 months old," said Lorraine M. Grisez, Zoe's mother. "Instead of moving forward, she started losing skills. So at 8 months we started saying something about it. At 12 months old, we saw a child neurologist. They did a blood test and it took until she was 14 months old to confirm."

There are different types of SMA, from severe to mild. Zoe has what is known as Type II or chronic SMA. Children with Type II may often sit unsupported although they are usually unable to come to a sitting position without assistance. At some point, she may be able to stand with assistance from braces or a standing frame. Type II tends to be less fatal than Type I.

"Zoe was a very healthy baby," said Grisez. "We took

her into the doctor and then suddenly we got this horrible diagnosis. It even sounds awful, Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Then they tell you there's no cure or treatment. The doctors cannot tell you what her life is going to be like or what her life span will be, because the disease varies so much. I'm thankful she doesn't have Type I, but it doesn't make it any easier."

At six months Zoe was rolling over. She was beginning to push herself up and lift her head up, but the Grisezs started to notice a difference from other children.

"I was really active in the community and ran a playgroup," said Grisez. "There were children who were born six days before her or six days after her. I started to see all these kids develop their motor skills. While Zoe was developing mentally, she wasn't developing those same motor skills. She never really rolled over after that. She never crawled. She never stood up. She never went to lying down or sitting up on her own."

SMA is not as well known as many diseases, but there are organizations working to get the word out. Grisez is a member of the local and national chapters of Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy. FSMA is the largest international organization dedicated solely to eradicating SMA by promoting and supporting research, helping families cope with SMA through informational programs and support,



Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

**Lorraine M. Grisez helps daughter Zoe, 2, stand as they play in the front yard of their Mountain Post home.**

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# Community Events

## Miscellaneous

**Retiree Appreciation Day** — Fort Carson will host Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 18 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Elkhorn Conference Center.

The event provides retirees with convenient access to more than two dozen civic, government and fraternal organizations, as well as representatives from both medical and dental services. Flu shots will be available.

The fair is open to retirees as well as those who are on active duty and may retire in the next several years.

The fair will begin at 7 a.m. with a free continental breakfast. At 7:30, the commanding general and the garrison staff will host an informal discussion. The information fair will begin at 8 a.m.

**Flu shots** — Evans Army Community Hospital will be providing influenza vaccine to our healthcare beneficiaries Oct. 27 to Nov. 7. The "Flu Clinic" will be located at building 1007 (TMC 9) on Wetzel Avenue from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

It is our goal to vaccinate our high-risk healthcare beneficiaries. This includes people who are 65 years and older or individuals with the following conditions:

- Diabetes
- Heart or lung disease, cirrhosis, cerebrospinal fluid leaks, sickle cell disease, alcoholism, and those without a spleen
- Weakened immune systems
- Pregnancy (second and third trimester only)
- Active-duty servicemembers will receive their influenza vaccine when their units.

The Pediatric Clinic will be providing the influenza vaccine to "high-risk" children and adolescent beneficiaries from Oct. 27 during regularly scheduled walk-in hours 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:20 p.m. at the Pediatric Immunization Clinic.

Eligible federal employees can receive their influenza vaccine starting Nov. 12 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through January from 8 to 11:30 a.m. from the Occupational Health Clinic located in building 2059 on Magrath Avenue.

In an effort to keep you informed, Evans Army Community Hospital has established an influenza telephone hotline that can be accessed at 526-6422. It is recommended you call this information hotline for updates and availability of influenza vaccine.

**Halloween trick or treating** — Halloween trick or

treating in the housing areas on Fort Carson will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31. To ensure the safety of our children, the Military Police will provide added support in your community during these times. However, it is imperative for parents to ensure their children wear light-colored clothing or reflective gear and lighting equipment to ensure maximum visibility to motorists.

**2003 Army Battle of Bands finals** — The 2003 Battle of Bands finals will be held at Fort Carson. The Department of the Army-level finals consists of bands nominated from Army installations around the world to compete against each other for prizes, monetary awards to the representing military installation and opportunities to perform in other venues of the U.S. Army Entertainment Division.

The competition is Saturday at the Fort Carson Special Events Center. The semi-finals will be held at 1 p.m. and the finals will follow at 7 p.m. Both performances are free and open to the public.

For more information, please call 526-4494.

**ACAP job openings** — Army Career and Alumni Program currently has the following job listings for interested personnel. For more information about the jobs, call 526-1002.

What: Turret Mechanics in Saudi Arabia; Who: E-5 and above

What: Fire control specialist in Saudi Arabia; Who: E-5 and above

What: IT LAN administrator in Colorado Springs;

Who: MSCE, no degree required, TS/SCI Security Clearance

What: C4I Systems Architect (three openings) in Omaha, Neb.; Who: Secret security clearance

What: Pharmaceutical sales in Salt Lake City;

Who: Junior military officers

**Annual leave donations** — Joe Martinez, Directorate of Community Activities and Alan Wright, an employee in the Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management, need annual leave donations to help cover absences because of illnesses and the exhaustion of available paid leave, call Robin Spencer at 526-0427.

Civilian employees willing to donate annual leave under the "Voluntary Leave Transfer Program" should call Patrick McCusker at 526-1696 or Kathy Green at 526-1729.

**The Fort Carson ID Card Section will be closed** Friday and Thursday. Section will resume normal hours on Monday.

For more information, call Mrs. Foster at 524-3704.

## Claims against the estate

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Capt. Brian R. Faunce, deceased.



**Army Community Service  
Family Readiness Center**  
526-4590

YOUR INPUT IS  
**WANTED!**

**Oct 21-23**

Call ACS now to pre-register  
(Deadline is 20 Oct), 526-4590.

**ARMY-WIDE SPOUSE  
FOCUS GROUP ASSESSMENT**  
Sponsored by Dept. of Army



This is your chance to speak out and voice your concerns directly to the Dept. of Army. Tell them why you think recruitment is so low or how you think it can be improved. What about programs here at Fort Carson, are they meeting you or your family's needs? We will require the following:

**108 Army Spouses (E1-E4)**  
**20 Army Spouses (E5-E9)**  
**20 Army Spouses (Junior Level Officers)**

Focus groups will be held throughout the week on and off post for your convenience (ASYMCA & Fountain Community/ Education Center); only a 1 day two-hour session is required of you. FREE Childcare is available with registration.

**Only 2hrs of your time can make a difference!**

**SPEAK OUT**

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. Geoffrey C. Dietrick, summary court officer, 238-5674 or 526-4485.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Frederick Miller, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 1st Lt. David Rittenhouse, 559-8522.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. Thomas Broomhead, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Scott Weaver at 577-4096.

**Claims against the estate** — With deepest regrets to the family of Pfc. Jesse Givens, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Scott Weaver at 577-4096.

# ACS announces guidelines for scholarship fund

## Courtesy Army Community Services

Army Emergency Relief, which is dedicated to "Helping the army take care of its own," will award the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund.

Administered by AER, the fund was established in 1976 as a secondary mission to help Army families with the costs of post secondary undergraduate level education, vocational training and preparation for acceptance by military service academies for their dependent children.

## Scholarship eligibility

Applicants must be ...

- Dependent children, stepchildren or legally adopted children of Army soldiers on active duty, retired, or deceased while on active duty or after retirement. The children of Gray Area Retirees are also eligible.

• Registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System. You can check your status at (800) 538-9552.

• Unmarried for the entire academic

year.

- Under the age of 22 as of May 1, 2004, based on the 2004-2005 Academic Year.

## Scholarship guidelines

Applicants must be enrolled, accepted, or pending acceptance as full-time dependent students for the entire Academic Year in post-secondary institutions accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Scholarship applicants must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale for funds to be awarded or disbursed. Awards are primarily based on financial need, as evidenced by income, family size, special financial obligations and circumstances.

## Scholarship applications

• Applications for 2004-2005 Academic Year are available by mail from HQ AER from Nov. 1, 2003 through Feb. 20, 2004.

• Applications can be printed from the AER Web site at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) from

Nov. 1 through March 1, 2004.

- Online applications can be submitted at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org). Supporting documentation must be mailed by the deadlines.

• To be considered, the scholarship application must be complete, accurate and contain all required documents and signatures when received according to the established deadlines.

A complete application must include the following:

AER Form 4R deadline March 1, 2004; Military orders deadline March 1, 2004; Official transcript deadline March 1, 2004; 2004-2005 Student Aid Report deadline April 30, 2004.

## Scholarship fund uses

The scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, books, supplies, and school room and board either on or off campus.

## How do I receive a scholarship?

Provide the requested information by

the postmark deadline. The majority of students who meet deadlines receive a scholarship. Academic achievements and individual accomplishments are considered. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis for up to a maximum of four years of undergraduate study. The student must attend as a full-time student for the entire academic year. Continuing students must apply each year.

## Scholarships awarded

Scholarship awards for financial need range from \$900 to \$1,900 per academic year.

The following are the statistics for academic year 2003 to 2004:

- Applications received — 3,845
- Complete applications — 2,288
- Awarded — 2,096

For more information, contact your unit Command Financial noncommissioned officer or the Fort Carson Army Community Service Financial Readiness Section at 526-4590 or (866) 804-8763.

# Readiness classes provide points

## Courtesy Army Community Services

Soldiers can now earn promotion points by attending specified classes at the Army Community Service through the Family Readiness Academy, located inside the Family Readiness Center, building 1526 (next to the commissary).

Promotion points are an added bonus, not only do soldiers get the benefit of receiving excellent classroom training for free, they are also enhancing their careers.

Kara Varner, Training Instructor for the Family Readiness Academy, can assist you with selection and registration of classes and documentation of promotion points. Specified Fort Carson ACS classes have been chosen due to their direct relation to the guidelines proposed in the memorandum for promotion points for Army Community Classes program approved by the Total Army Personnel Command July 29.

These classes are based in the following areas: Soldier and Family Readiness (Family Advocacy Program), Financial Readiness Program, Operation Ready Training Classes, Army Family Team Building and attendance to special guest speaker events.

- Soldier and Family Readiness (Family Advocacy

Program) New Parent Support Program Parent Education and Support component assists primarily new parents with knowledge about child health and development. New Parent Support classes help parents to gain an improved quality of life.

- Financial Readiness Training Classes target several areas that promote financial literacy and financial wellness. The overall goal of these classes is to learn how to reap the rewards of financial planning for your future.

- Operation Ready Training Classes will cover some of the many details about deployment and separation that soldiers and families need to know. Operation Ready provides an overview of all phases of deployment, sustainment, post-deployment, homecoming and reunion.

- Army Family Team Building- Level I training is designed for family members new to the military. It provides them with basic "survival skills" to enhance their successful transition to the military environment and to become better prepared for the many challenges they might experience.

A soldier will be awarded a total of four promotion points for accumulating 40 hours of course instruction through the Fort Carson Army Community Service. Every 10 hours of instruction (hours will be

accumulated) will yield one promotion point for a maximum of four points that can be earned through the ACS at Fort Carson. Please contact the ACS Training Instructor at 526-4590 for specific classes required for earning promotion points.

Soldiers are not allowed to receive promotion points for mandatory classes such as "first termers" financial readiness training or new Parent Support Program classes taken as a result of a recommended Family Advocacy Case Review Committee treatment plan.

The Family Readiness Academy also offers a series of four or more classes, making up a curriculum that is aimed at achieving well-rounded knowledge in a specific area. These include the New Parent Curriculum, New Military Spouse Curriculum, Career Spouse Curriculum, Newly Married Curriculum, Family Readiness Group Leader Curriculum, Financial Independence Curriculum, Rear Detachment Curriculum and the Healthy Living Curriculum.

Counseling services are offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call Kara Varner at 526-4590 or e-mail her at [kara.varner@carson.army.mil](mailto:kara.varner@carson.army.mil) for details and questions. Look for the ACS Family Readiness Catalog and pick one up today.

## Dealing

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and educating the public and professional community about SMA.

"I never would have known, if we had not been diagnosed," said Grisez. "SMA doesn't get as much attention as muscular dystrophy or cerebral palsy. If we could just raise awareness, I think that would raise funds.

"All of the funds donated to FSMA go to research," she said. "We're not asking anyone to buy us anything. I just want a cure or a treatment. It doesn't have to help her run a marathon. If she could just walk from her wheelchair to the bathroom on

her own, that would be wonderful."

Zoe and her mother participated in the 5th Annual Walk and Roll for Our Angels at Monument Valley Park Sept. 20.

Grisez's husband, Sgt. 1st Class Mark A. Grisez Jr., light wheel mechanic, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, is currently deployed in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was unable to attend, but soldiers from his unit helped out.

"When we started to do that walk, I thought, 'Well, Mark can't come out, but maybe some of the 1-8 Rear Detachment can,'" said Grisez. "I asked them if they

would be willing to come out and walk or donate \$5 to get a T-shirt. A lot of them reached in their pockets and donated what they had. One soldier donated \$100 out of his own pocket. They were really great and because of them, we got some local news coverage. The soldiers were wonderful with Zoe.

"They raised \$775 alone," she said. "They really showed what the Army can do. It was really nice to see them all out there. It's a shame Zoe's dad couldn't be there for the walk, but I was really thankful that they were out there."

Army programs and medical services have assisted to create an environment to help Zoe grow.

"The (Exceptional Family Member Program) has been great in helping us," said Grisez. "We have a great house that is completely wheelchair accessible. If we weren't in the Army, we wouldn't be able to afford something like this. The medical care is great."

As a former Marine, Grisez knows what it means to fight on and adapt.

"When I was pregnant and thought about having a girl, I always thought about ballet classes," said Grisez. "Now I think about piano lessons or her being able to be really good at using a computer. She's going to be able to contribute to society." For more information on SMA visit the FSMA Web site at [www.fsma.org](http://www.fsma.org).



## Chaplain's Corner

# Sukkot: Learn of God's plan for salvation

**Commentary by Chap. (Maj.) John Powledge  
1st Mobilized Brigade**

"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord ... On the fifteenth day of the seventh month when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the Lord for seven days; on the first day there shall be a Sabbath rest, and on the eighth day a Sabbath rest ... You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. (Leviticus 23:34, 39, 42-43)

The Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot is a wonderful and joyous time and we can learn much of God's plan for world salvation from this holiday. Sukkot was the time of the final harvest of the year and therefore a most fitting time for a great feast. It occurs only five days after Yom Kippur, The Day of Atonement, or the day of fasting that closes the Days of Awe. Symbolically it speaks of the temporary nature of our abode in the world as it is, but prophetically it speaks of when God will restore Israel to its previous prominence and glory, as well as the turning of all the nations to God. In short, one could say this is God's holiday for all people in all nations.

Toward this end there were particular sacrifices offered daily which only changed in the number of bulls sacrificed each day. On the first day 13 bulls were sacri-

ficed and on the seventh day only seven were sacrificed. The other sacrifices remained constant each day. The significance of this is it added up to 70 bulls sacrificed in seven days, the exact number of gentile clans listed in Genesis 10. The Talmud, Jewish commentaries on the law, says these sacrifices were made especially for these gentile nations. So these were faith sacrifices, commanded of Israel by God, each year, in waiting for the time when all nations would know the God of Israel.

Historically, it is a time to remember when the people of Israel lived in booths (small temporary shelters built for use over a limited time), hence the symbolism of earth being a temporary dwelling for us. Sukkot is during a normally dry time of year so the booths didn't have to be particularly protective. Families would live in the shelters throughout the week and take all their meals there with the festive foods that go with the holiday. Today, the Israeli people still keep this holiday much as they did then with a family building their sukkah (booth) on their housetop or in their yard and celebrating God's faithfulness to his people.

Many scholars believe this was when Jesus was actually born. He couldn't have been born at Christmas because the shepherds would not have been out in the fields with their flocks during winter. Additionally, some believe they have pinpointed the time of the great census

of the Roman governor Quirinius to Sukkot. (Luke 2:1-7).

Additionally, we know Jesus kept this holiday and it explains the significance of one of his statements. In biblical times, one very important ceremony that occurred during Sukkot was the water pouring ceremony. The last day of Sukkot is known as Hosha na' Rabah, or the Day of the Great Hosanna. Picture the priests blowing their trumpets and the people waving their lulavs at this joyous time. Then all would sing the Great Hallel, Psalms 113 to 118 towards the end of which we read, "Save now, I beseech Thee, O Lord (118:25)!" as symbolic waters were being poured out.

In light of this observance, we can understand the significance of Jesus' words, "Now the feast of Tabernacles was at hand ... He (Jesus) also went up to the feast ... On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" (John 7:2,10,37-38)

What a wonderful holiday that speaks of God's faithfulness to all people through all their generations. Once again that is one of God's chief reasons for giving a biblical holiday calendar, that his people would be reminded of his faithfulness through all of their generations. Let us celebrate this joyous holiday together this year.



### Chapel

#### New Protestant worship schedule —

Beginning Oct. 19, there will be a new Protestant worship service at 11 a.m. on Sundays at the Veterans' Chapel. Call Chap. Martinez at 524-1741 for more information.

**Fort Carson's AWANA club is gearing up for another exciting year** — Club 13,334 meets every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Soldiers Memorial Chapel.

During game time, individual and team competition takes place through circle games exclusive to AWANA. During Handbook time, children work one on one with a trained leader to complete assignments that emphasize memorization and understanding of key Bible verses. Council time is when everyone gathers for an engaging Bible-based lesson.

AWANA is divided into age appropriate clubs, which are similar to Scouts, in that the children wear uniforms and progress through handbooks. A series of awards reward achievements at every level.

We are also looking for adult volunteers to serve in this exciting ministry. If you have a heart for reaching children with the gospel of Jesus, we would love to have you on our team. Call Stacy Chapman at 382-3970 for more information.

**Daily Bible readings:** In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These scriptures are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

**Friday** — Psalms 119:25-32 & Ezekiel 1-3

**Saturday** — Psalms 119:33-40 & Ezekiel 4-6

**Sunday** — Psalms 119:41-48 & Ezekiel 7-9

**Monday** — Psalms 119:49-56 & Ezekiel 10-12

**Tuesday** — Psalms 119:57-64 & Ezekiel 13-15

**Wednesday** — Psalms 119:57-64 & Ezekiel 13-15

**Thursday** — Psalms 119:73-80 & Ezekiel 19-21

## Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC					
Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
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**The Army Cycle Of Prayer** — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer. You are invited to join with the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations. Please pray this week for the following: Unit: For the doctors, nurses, staff and patients at Madigan Army Medical Center, located at Fort Lewis, Wash.

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lators and municipal officials of the First State.

Nation: For the many staff, faculty and students in America's medical schools. May God call competent and dedicated men and women to study medicine in order to serve the people of our nation.

Religious: For millions of dedicated church persons we celebrate on Laity Sunday (today). May God equip people of faith everywhere to serve him by serving others in their congregations.

For more information on the Army Cycle of Prayer, or to pray for items from previous weeks, visit the cycle's Web site at [www.usarmychaplain.com](http://www.usarmychaplain.com).

## Voting:

## Your chance to have a voice

by Sgt. Sheryl Lawry  
14th Public Affairs Detachment

*"We electors have an important constitutional power placed in our hands ... It becomes necessary to every subject (person) then, to be in some degree a statesman and to examine and judge for himself of the tendencies of political principles and measures." — President John Adams (1797 to 1801), second president of the United States.*

Even at the start of the United States election process, citizens were being informed of their rights and responsibilities to vote for what they thought was the best candidate for political office. More than 200 years after Adams made the above statement, this information communication process is still ongoing, and citizens continue to wonder: just how important is voting?

As with all hotly debated topics, the importance of voting has a broad spectrum of opinions circulating around it. Some people say "why bother," while others say "how could you not."

"I think voting is important if it works," said James Wilkinson, the Directorate of Information Management facility manager, who admits he does not think it works at all. "I feel like I'm wasting my time."

It seems Wilkinson is not alone in this sentiment.

In the last presidential election alone only 51.3 percent of registered American voters made their way to the ballot box to cast their vote, according to [CNN.com](http://www.cnn.com) archives. However,

according to [infoplease.com](http://infoplease.com) almanac, that is only 2.2 percent higher than the 1996 presidential election and 11.8 percent lower than the highest voter turnout in the last 40 years when John F. Kennedy ran against Richard Nixon in 1960.

The reasons for people not visiting the voting box vary from feeling unheard to just plain not being motivated by the choices before them.

"I'm not registered (in Colorado)," said Cindy Tiberi, a graphic designer with Gowdy Printcraft. "I'm just not motivated enough to vote. I feel as though my vote is lost."

Tiberi, who did vote in the 2000 presidential election, said that since she moved to Colorado, part of the reason she lacks the desire to register here is because of her view of politics. "I think politics can be unfair."

With as many nonvoting views circulating, there are just as many, if not more, pro-voting views going around.

For Mike Lynch, a civilian contractor working in the DOIM building, it does not matter who wins in the end, he votes so he has choices. Lynch also added, "If you don't vote, then you don't have an opinion."

Lynch's thoughts were echoed and expanded on by Kim Watson, a systems administrator working at Fort Carson.

"Voting is important because we all have to live with the results," Watson said. "For the average Joe like myself, voting is the only process that gets my voice heard."

Watson added the reminder that it's our right to vote, and a responsibility she takes seriously. "I wouldn't miss it for the world."

For the military forces, voting is more than just picking a person, it about picking a future leader.

"I vote because the leaders I vote for are going to affect me and the soldiers in my care directly," said Lt. Col. John Powledge, Army Reserve Component mobilization chaplain.

Powledge said that being in the military does make it difficult to vote when servicemembers are not stationed stateside. "I've had many friends in the military who have been overseas and they've had difficulties. They wonder if their vote counted."

Helping servicemembers and nonservicemembers cast their votes when overseas or at home is the Federal Voting Assistance Program. The FVAP gives information about the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act as well as answer frequently asked questions and provides voter information links specific for each military service branch, links to voting laws and

individual state voter information. For more information about FVAP, go to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

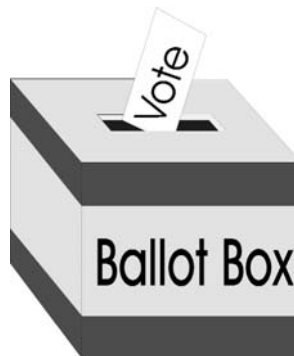
Regardless of which category people fall under when it comes to voting for national, state or local government, one thing is certain. If people don't vote they are passing up an opportunity many other countries don't have the ability to pick the person who will speak for them and do right by them. If that is not enough of a motivator, here's

more of what some prominent Americans have said regarding the topic of voting.

"Now more than ever the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless and corrupt, it is because the people tolerated ignorance, recklessness and corruption." President James A. Garfield (1881), 20th president of the United States.

"A share in the sovereignty of the state, which is exercised by the citizens at large, in voting at elections is one of the most important rights of the subject, and in a republic ought to stand foremost in the estimation of the law."

Alexander Hamilton, founding father and signer of the Constitution of the United States.







Marissa McWhorter, 6, rides a pony at the Fall Festival and Rodeo at Turkey Creek Ranch Saturday. The pony rides were a very popular attraction with children of the Mountain Post.

Photos by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

# Fall Fest

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger  
Mountaineer staff

Saturday started as a gloomy day with rain showering down. But as if planned, the clouds broke and rain stopped as the Turkey Creek Ranch Fall Festival and Rodeo began at 10 a.m.

It was a day for community celebration and family fun. There were events for boys and girls of all ages. There were entertainers and booths with food, clothing and other odds and ends for sale. The festival truly had something for everyone.

Children enjoyed decorating pumpkins and panning for gold at an Old West-style ghost town set up at the ranch. There were also pony rides, which were very popular with children.

While waiting in line for the hayrides, "Pockets" and "Brandy," clowns from the Al Kaly Shrine of Colorado Springs, made balloon animals for the children. Professor Higgins, magician, also entertained with his sleight of hand tricks and illu-

sions. Crowds enjoyed several different types of music from Scottish bagpipes to country music.

The hayride took families down the road to a large pumpkin patch where they could choose a pumpkin to take home. The pumpkin patch was made up of thousands of pumpkins.

Fire Station 34 provided rides on a 1941 Seagraves fire truck. The fire truck was the first one on Fort Carson. It served the Mountain Post until 1976 and appears every year in the Parade of Light with a special passenger, Santa Claus.

There were several booths to visit at the festival. Some booths sold food, such as turkey legs or hot dogs and drinks such as hot cider. Others held raffles; one held a raffle for a red, white and blue quilt. There were booths selling T-shirts, candy apples, arts and crafts items, and a plethora of other items.

Festival patrons joined in on games of horseshoes and basketball. There was a maze made of

hay bales as well.

After lunch, many patrons moved down a dirt road to watch the rodeo. It began with a patriotic display which included the nation anthem, playing of the song "Proud to be an American," an old west stagecoach and a coordinated routine performed by the Fort Jackson Mounted Color Guard.

The rodeo began with a "mad scramble" in which riders came out of the shoots riding a zebra and a water buffalo. The rodeo clowns had fun with the audience and competitors with their comic styling. The riders rode bucking broncos and bulls. The rodeo even allowed the children to participate during the "mutton busting" portion of the event. The children wore helmets and rode sheep as if they were cowboys themselves.

The day may have started rainy, but it turned into one fun-filled day. The Mountain Post community showed, without a doubt, it knows how to have a good time.



Spc. John Savery, 235th Military Police Company, entertains the festival crowds playing a variety of songs on the bagpipes. Savery played many patriotic songs including "America."



Firefighters from Fire Station 34 give rides to Mountain Post families in a 1941 Seagraves fire truck. The Seagraves was the first fire truck on Fort Carson.



Festival patrons enjoy a hayride to a pumpkin patch. The pumpkin patch had thousands of pumpkins for festival goers to choose from.



Matt Woodstrum rides a bucking bronco in the rodeo during the fall festival. Matt held on for eight seconds and was not thrown from the horse.





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1830 - 2030 - Family Food Night

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0900 - 1400 - Make a Difference Day - Turkey Creek

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0900 - 1300 - Puppet Shows at Child Development Centers

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0900 - 1200 - Life Skills education at Spring Creek

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# Sports & Leisure

## 10th CSH captures Fort Carson's 2003 flag football championship

by Bill Scharton  
Mountaineer staff

During the past two seasons, an intense intramural flag football rivalry has developed at Fort Carson between the 10th Combat Support Hospital team and the squad from 59th Quartermaster.

In the 2002 season, 10th CSH defeated 59th Quartermaster in a semifinal game of the Fort Carson intramural flag football post-season tournament (10th CSH lost 19-6 in the 2002 title game). During regular season league play this year, 59th Quartermaster beat 10th CSH.

Heading into this year's post-season tourney, 59th Quartermaster was the top seed and 10th CSH was the number two seed. As a result, the teams were placed at opposite ends of the tourney bracket.

So, if both teams won their quarter and semifinal games, the stage would be set for the big rubber match and it would also be for the 2003 Fort Carson intramural flag football championship.

This is precisely what happened and the two rivals battled for the Fort Carson title Oct. 2 at the Mountain Post Sports Complex. In a hard-fought contest that went down to the wire, 10th CSH earned the 2003 crown with an exciting 20-8 victory.

59th Quartermaster hit paydirt first in the title tilt. On its first possession of the game, 59th Quartermaster quarterback Nate Simmons completed a 50-yard pass to a diving Jatavius Jackson. The play moved the ball to the 10th CSH four-yard line. On the next play, Simmons hit Terry Darnell with the short scoring strike. The conversion pass was good and 59th Quartermaster had the early 8-0 lead.

Late in the first half, 10th CSH put together a scoring drive of their own. From the 59th Quartermaster 35-yard line, 10th CSH quarterback Walter Fuller connected with Markeith Meloncon for a touchdown.

Meloncon caught the ball at the 20-yard line, made a couple of nifty moves and then received a key block at the 10-yard line that enabled him to scamper into the end zone with flags intact. The conversion attempt was no good and this made the score 8-6 in favor of 59th Quartermaster at halftime.



Photos by Bill Scharton

**Players from both teams, 10th Combat Support Hospital (light jerseys) and 59th Quartermaster have the ball in sight during intramural flag football championship game action Oct. 2 at the Mountain Post Sports Complex.**

In the second half, 59th Quartermaster had possession of the ball and was driving for a score that might have iced the game for the team. However, the 10th CSH defense stiffened with their backs against the wall and stopped 59th Quartermaster on fourth down at the 10th CSH 15-yard line. This stop turned out to be a key component regarding the outcome of the game.

With seven minutes remaining in regulation time, the 10th CSH offense began the game-winning scoring drive. Following a couple of important first-down conversions, 10th CSH pulled the hook and ladder play from their bag of tricks and the call went for a successful 17-yard scoring strike.

On the play, Fuller threw a quick bullet pass to

Juan Canez on a short-hook route. Canez lateraled the ball to Meloncon around the outside and the shifty runner took the pigskin to the house. A two-point conversion pass to Rodney Johnson gave 10th CSH the 14-8 lead with two minutes on the clock.

59th Quartermaster would get the ball back and have one more opportunity to tie or win the title game. But it was not to be. The 10th CSH defense rose to the occasion once again and thwarted four straight pass attempts from the 59th Quartermaster offense.

10th CSH took possession of the ball with 30 seconds left in the game and added an insurance touchdown to make the final score 20-8.

"I think I smell a four-day this weekend," said an elated Johnson while celebrating with his 10th CSH teammates following the game. Teammate Fuller was just as happy and stated, "The reason we won this game is because everybody on the team has talent."

10th CSH's Meloncon, voted most valuable player by the media, said the game-winning hook and ladder play worked to perfection. "We used the hook route without the ladder as a bait play earlier in the game," said Meloncon. "Then, when it came time to run the hook and ladder, it worked for us."

"We developed a rivalry with 59th Quartermaster a year ago. So it was kind of like destiny to play them for the post championship this year."

The members of the 10th CSH 2003 Fort Carson intramural flag football champions are: Montez Bonner, Markeith Meloncon, Anthony Burris, Tony Clarborne, Mitchess Newton, Nicholas Soldan, Rodney Johnson, Juan Canez, Donovan Gordon, Mario Hull, David Glad, Ricardo Moreno, Curtis Mitchell, Jabarius Range, Dante Palmer, Sammy Yankavay, Tyler Hackler, Kimani Hart, Mark Wiltshire, Daniel Jones, Billy Coble, Leo Longworth, Alvin Curry and Daniel Martinez.



**59th Quartermaster quarterback Nate Simmons (arm in the air, dark jersey) flings a forward pass downfield during the intramural flag football championship game against 10th Combat Support Hospital Oct. 2 at the Mountain Post Sports Complex.**

# Carson teams lose at Woodland Park

by Bill Scharton  
Mountaineer staff

Generally speaking, Woodland Park is a nice place to visit. However, the Carson Middle School Eagles football teams found their visit to Woodland Park Oct. 1 to be anything but nice.

The Eagles' seventh-grade and eighth-grade football teams were both defeated by their non-division counterparts from Woodland Park.

For the seventh-grade Eagles, the 12-8 loss of the Woodland Park Panthers brought an end to the Eagles four-game unbeaten streak. This defeat gave the Eagles a level 3-3-1 overall record with one game left on the schedule.

The Eagles got an early break in the seventh-grade contest. On Woodland Park's first possession, the Panthers had a touchdown pass called back due to a penalty. The Eagles' defense then stopped the Panthers' drive and took over at the Carson 40-yard line.

Eagles' all-purpose back Devyn Harris got the first drive started with a 15-yard run. One the next play, the Eagles' ran their potent reverse play and Kaaila Washington rambled to the end zone for a 48-yard touchdown run. This very same play went for a 60-yard scoring strike against Ellicott in the Eagles' previous game. The Eagles made the two-point conversion and led 8-0 after one quarter.

Woodland Park put together a 65-yard scoring drive on its next possession. The drive featured two big fourth-down pass completions by the Panthers. The second one was a scoring strike. The Eagles stopped the conversion attempt and maintained a slim

8-6 lead at halftime.

Carson got the ball to start the third quarter and began the drive at its own 46-yard line. A couple of first down runs by Harris moved the ball to the Woodland Park 18-yard line. At this point, two short runs, a pass incomplection and a penalty brought the drive to an end at the Woodland Park 10-yard line.

The Panthers took over and the game-winning, 90-yard touchdown march was under way. Woodland Park completed a big second down pass to the Carson 45-yard line. Two more Panthers' pass completions and three running plays moved the ball to the Eagles' 15-yard line for another first down. On a third down play at the Carson 15-yard stripe, the Panthers' quarterback hit a wide open receiver in the end zone for the go ahead score. The conversion attempt failed but Woodland Park had the lead 12-8.

The Eagles kickoff return got the ball to the Carson 46-yard line. Harris ran for seven yards on first down. Carson tried to bamboozle the Panthers on the next play, but the Woodland Park defense was ready for the trickery. Harris' halfback option pass was intercepted by the Panthers' defense. Woodland Park's offense ran the clock out and had the 12-8 win in the books.

"After our first score, apparently the players thought the game would be a walk in the park," said Carson coach John Bishop. "For some reason, the team was flat today. We did not play as smart as we have played the past few games."

The eighth-grade Eagles played tough against

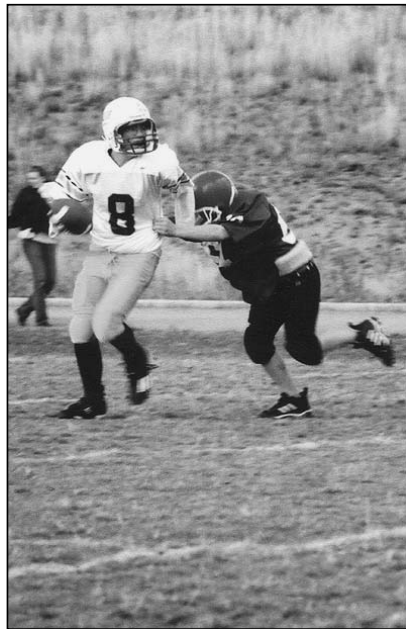


Photo by Bill Scharton

**Anthony Pritchard, quarterback for the Eagles' seventh-grade football team, tries to avoid being sacked by a Woodland Park defender in a non-division game Oct. 1.**

## Football

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Woodland Park until halfway through the second quarter. After falling behind 6-0 in the first period, the Eagles tied the game at six in the second quarter when running back Jason Schatz scored from five yards out.

The last three and a half minutes of the second quarter would be disastrous for Carson and would decide the outcome of the game. Following the Eagles touchdown that tied the game, Woodland Park engineered a 14-play, 60-yard, grind-it-out scoring drive. The Panthers made the conversion and went ahead 14-6.

With 90 seconds left in the half, Carson went on

offense but could not move the ball against the Panthers. The Eagles' fourth-down punt was blocked by Woodland Park and the Panthers had the ball on the Carson 20-yard line with 30 seconds on the clock. Four plays later, the Panthers tallied again and headed to halftime with a 22-6 cushion.

There was no scoring in the second half and the game ended 22-6. The loss gave the Eagles a 3-4 overall record.

Both Eagles' teams played a division game against Florence/Penrose Wednesday at the Mountain Post Sports Complex. It was the final game of the season for the seventh-grade Eagles. The eighth-grade Eagles will have a playoff game Monday (opponent and site to be determined following Wednesday's game).



Photos by Bill Scharton

Kaaila Washinton, right, and a teammate on the Carson seventh-grade football team, tackle the Woodland Park runner for a loss. The seventh-grade Eagles had a four-game unbeaten streak snapped at Woodland Park Oct. 1 when the Eagles dropped a 12-8 decision to the Panthers.



Carson eighth-grade linebacker Hayden Dean makes a one-one-one tackle against the runner from Woodland Park in a non-division game on the road Oct. 1.

# Winners of September 3-on-3 hoops tournament crowned

by **Bill Scharton**  
**Mountaineer staff**

The September three-on-three post-season basketball tournament concluded Oct. 2 Thursday at Garcia Physical Fitness Center.

First place winners for September were Fernando Colbert, Gregory Hyde, Tracy Robinson, Chris Byrd and Andrew Ferguson.

This first-place team defeated the second place club by the score of 15-7 in the title tilt.

Members of the runner-up squad included Lisa Burkhart, Anthony Kingold, Gerald Simmons, Cliff Davis and Ameen Salhu-Din.

Another three-on-three basketball league for October is taking place at Garcia Physical Fitness Center. For additional information, call the center at 526-3944.

## **Sports brief**

### **Intramural basketball**

The sign-up deadline for 2003-04 intramural basketball at Fort Carson is Oct. 27. Sign-up sheets must be dropped off at the intramural office located in the Special Events Center (building 1829).

Intramural basketball games will be played at the Special Events Center, McKibben Physical Fitness Center, Waller Physical Fitness Center and Garcia Physical Fitness Center. Pre-season play will go from Nov. 10 to 28; regular season league play runs from Dec. 1 to Feb. 4; and the post-season tourney will be Feb. 16 to March 7.

For additional information, call 526-6630.



**Ben Clayton, left, plays good defense against Jalaal Johnson during three-on-three post-season basketball tournament action Oct. 2 at Garcia Physical Fitness Center.**



**Ben Clayton, left, Jeremy Lovern, center, and Jalaal Johnson, right, battle for a loose ball during three-on-three post-season basketball tournament action Oct. 2.**

# Carson runners excel at Ten-Miler again

by Bill Scharton  
Mountaineer staff

Army World Class Athlete Program runners from Fort Carson placed second, fourth and sixth overall in the Army Ten-Miler race Sunday in Washington, D.C.

Scott Goff finished second overall and was followed by Sandu Rebenciuc in fourth place and Patrick Maturi in sixth.

In the military open men's team division, the Fort Carson team placed 11th. Team members included Nathan Pennington, Ryan Stoffer, Jeffrey Bennett, Laurence Jackson and Kenneth Sperry.

In the military open women's division, the Fort Carson team placed seventh. Team members included Pamela Tingle, Sarah Park, Tracy Perfors, Lisa Bizzell and Angela Holbrook.

The military open mixed division team from Fort Carson placed 11th. Team members were Justin Ticknor, Robert Mauro, Jason Weiss, Sheri Schweiker and Laurel Ler.

The military men's masters team from Fort Carson placed third. Team members were Michael Hagen, Ronald Dean, Francisco Gonzalez, Mike Barnes and David Meyer.

More than 18,000 runners competed in the annual Army Ten-Miler Sunday. The race, which is in its 19th year, went through the heart of the nation's capitol past some of the country's most famous memorials and buildings.

Runners from 15 foreign countries participated in the race along with runners from every state in the union. More than 1,100 soldiers and volunteers assisted with race operations.

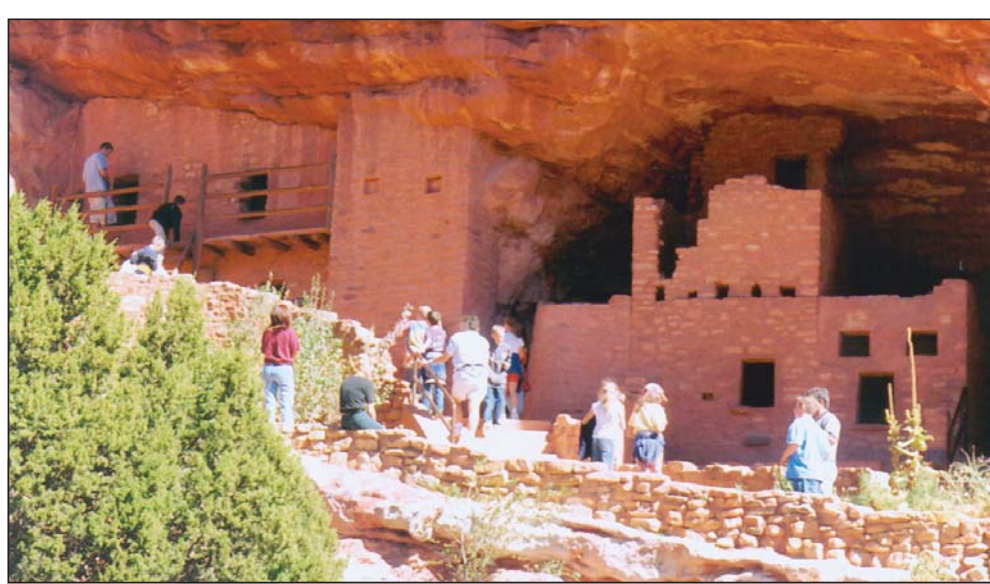
Soldiers in Iraq had a chance to run their own Ten-Miler Sunday. It was dubbed the inaugural Anaconda Ten Miler and was put together and sponsored by 3rd Corps Support Command to correspond with the annual Army Ten-Miler. Approximately 2,000 troops participated in the Anaconda Ten-Miler.



Courtesy photo

**Runners cross the finish line at the Army Ten-Miler race Sunday in Washington, D.C.**





Visitors explore the cliff dwellings moved to Manitou Springs from southwestern Colorado in the early 1900s.

## Museum showcases ancient history

Story and photos  
by Nel Lampe  
Mountaineer staff  
cliff-dwelling  
American Indians  
didn't live in Manitou  
Springs, although the

dwellings featured at the Manitou Cliff Dwellings Museum are authentic. The dwellings were actually constructed 700 or 800 years ago by the Anasazi people living in the Four Corners area.

In the late 1800s ancient cliff dwellings were being vandalized. Souvenir hunters and art and antique collectors were removing ancient artifacts. In an effort to preserve some of the cliff dwellings and artifacts, a group of citizens purchased cliff dwellings from a private owner in southwestern Colorado. The dwellings

were photographed and documented, then disassembled, with each stone numbered. The disassembled dwellings were brought by wagon to Manitou Springs.

Property was purchased in Manitou Springs' James Canon. This site somewhat resembled the original location of the dwellings in southwestern Colorado. Once the site was prepared, the cliff dwellings were reassembled, rock by rock, according to drawings and notes made before the move. The cliff dwellings now look as though they had always been in Manitou Springs.

Although some citizens protested this project, preservation of the prehistoric dwellings and remnants of the Anasazi civilization was foremost to the people behind the project.

The Manitou Springs Cliff Dwellings Preserve and Museum was opened to the public in 1907.

About the same time, the Mesa Verde National Park was created to protect the remaining cliff dwellings, ruins and artifacts in southwestern Colorado.

A visit to the cliff dwelling museum in Manitou Springs doesn't take the place of a visit to Mesa Verde, but does give local visitors a chance to see cliff dwellings firsthand and to learn about the ancient builders and inhabitants. A visit to the Manitou Springs Cliff Dwellings Preserve and Museum is educational and



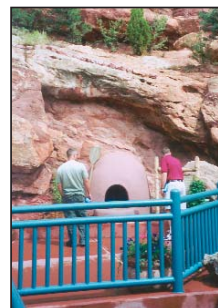
Centuries old pieces of pottery are on display in dioramas in the Manitou Cliff Dwelling Museum.

informative.

The Indians who built and lived in the cliff dwellings were sometimes referred to as the ancient ones, Anasazi or ancestral Puebloan people. The cliff dwellers were descendants of basket makers, who lived about 500 to 750 A.D. The basket makers began to live in pits. Over the years, the pits became deeper and deeper and were covered with roofs. Over time, the structures evolved into stone buildings. Dwellings built under cliffs became the norm about 1200 A.D. The dwellings were thought to be built under a cliff for camouflage and protection.



A Pueblo-style building was constructed at the Manitou Cliff Dwellings in 1898.



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.



# Dwellings

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The cliff dwellers became quite skilled at farming and developed irrigation systems and stored rainwater for later use. They grew corn, beans and squash and hunted deer, rabbits and mountain sheep to provide meat.

The cliff dwellings are much like modern condominiums or apartment houses, with family units built side by side.

The cliff dwellings at Manitou Springs seem small, but are exactly the same scale as they were at the original site. Several families lived in the set of buildings. The rooms are quite small, only 6 by 8 feet in size. The buildings have short doorways. Upper rooms



Artifacts are in a museum in the Pueblo structure at Manitou Cliff Dwellings Museum and Preserve.



The round tower may have served as a watch tower. Timbers inside the tower form a crude aircase.



were apparently entered by ladder. The ladder could be pulled into the room to prevent anyone else from entering.

Ceilings in the rooms are less than 5-feet high.

The Manitou Springs cliff dwellings include two towers. One tower is believed to have stored grain, the other tower may have served as a guard tower. The Anasazi were known for building round chambers, called "kivas," which were partly underground. It is believed the kivas were probably used for religious rituals and ceremonies. There is a kiva at the Manitou site.

In addition to the authentic cliff house construction, a reproduction of a mesa-top building is at the Manitou Springs site, similar to what would have been used by the Anasazi when caring for their crops while away from the cliff dwellings. A reproduction of a baking oven is to the right of the cliff dwellings. A tepee is also on site.

A Pueblo-style building was constructed near the cliff dwellings in 1898. The pueblo served as residence for the Tafoya family, caretakers of the cliff dwellings. The family lived there until 1984. The building now houses museums and gift shops.

Visitors may spend as much time as desired at the cliff dwellings, visiting each room of the ancient dwellings. Nearby signs explain how each building was used and calls attention to architecture.

Native flowers, herbs, plants and trees are also labeled.

The museum exhibits includes stone tools, arrowheads, pottery, baby carriers and cooking tools, as well as rock petroglyphs. Several dioramas depict the life of the cliff dwellers.

A smaller museum in a remote corner of the gift shop displays pottery, pots and tools hundreds of years old.

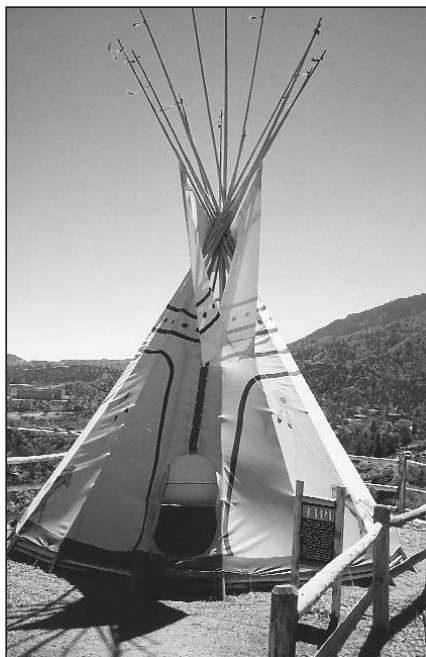
The well-stocked gift shop includes American Indian art, home décor items, candles, calendars, plates, figurines, pottery and sand paintings. There is a wide selection of gifts, postcards, souvenirs and books.

The cliff dwellings in southwestern Colorado were abandoned sometime during the early part of the 14th century. Historians and scientists are unclear as to what happened. Theories suggest the people were forced out, starved out, perhaps by a severe drought.

Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado's southwest corner has many cliff dwellings in their original setting. Mesa Verde is about 350 miles from Colorado Springs.

Manitou Springs Cliff Dwellings and Museum is open year-round, except in extreme inclement weather. The preserve is closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. During summer months, the museum is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. From October through April, the museum closes at 5 p.m. During May and September, the museum stays open until 6 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for anyone older than 12. Children ages 7 to 11 are admitted for \$6; those 6 years and under are admitted free. There is a group rate for groups of 10 or more.



An Indian tepee is on the grounds of the Manitou Cliff Dwellings Museum and Preserve.



Manitou Dwellings Museum visitors use a ladder to explore some of the rooms.

To reach Manitou Cliff Dwellings Museums and Preserve, take Interstate 25 north to the Cimarron exit, Highway 24 west. The dwellings are about 8 miles west; beyond the town of Manitou Springs, watch for signs. The museum is on the north side of Highway 24.

## Just the Facts

- Travel time about 20 minutes
- For ages all
- Type cliff dwellings, museum
- Fun factor ★★★★★ 1/2 (Out of 5 stars)
- Wallet damage \$\$

\$ = Less than \$20

\$\$ = \$21 to \$40

(Based on a family of four)



## Get Out!

### Theatreworks

**The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Theatreworks presents "Frankenstein" through Sunday.** There are performances today, Friday and through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. There are matinees Saturday and Sunday, at 2 p.m. Call 262-3232 for tickets.

### Academy football

**The next home game at the Air Force Academy is with University of Nevada at Las Vegas,** Saturday. To obtain tickets, call 472-1895.

### Corn maze

**The corn maze at JoyRides Family Fun Center** is open. The two-acre corn maze is open until dusk Thursdays through Sundays. Maze admission is \$5.

### Upcoming concerts

**Colorado Springs World Arena is selling tickets for upcoming events.** "Maatchbox Twenty" is Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. "Bill Gaither" is Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.; "Charlie Brown and Friends" is Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. and "Christmas from the Heart" is Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Call 576-2626 for tickets to any event.

### Fine Arts Repertory Theater

**The Repertory Theater is performing "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."** Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., through Oct. 19. Upcoming performances include "It's a Wonderful Life," Dec. 5 to 21; "Sweet Charity," Feb. 6 to 22, and "Hot Mikado," May 7 to 23. Call the box office, 634-5581. The theater is at 30 W. Dale St.

### Children's theater

**Aladdin and the Magic Lamp** is the children's playhouse presentation Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Arts Center Theater in Pueblo. Tickets are at the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center box office, (719) 295-7222 and are \$6 reserved. The theater is at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave. in Pueblo.

**Damon Runyon Repertory**  
**The Damon Runyon Repertory Theater in**

**Pueblo has set its new season.** The season begins with the Broadway musical hit "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." Dinner theater performances are at 7 p.m. today, Saturday and Sunday. Matinees are at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets start at \$6. Performances are in the new Runyon Theater, 611 N. Main St. in Pueblo.

### Craft Show

**The Creative Crafters' Showcase** holds its annual show Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Lewis Palmer High School in Monument. Admission is \$3. Take Interstate 25 to Exit 158.

### Bent's Fort

**The Historic Bent's Fort near La Junta hosts an evening of storytelling** Saturday. This event is at 7 p.m. and entry fees will be waived for this evening. Bring flashlights for the walk back to the car. The fort is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except major holidays. Guided tours are at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The fort is staffed by re-enactors in authentic costume. The fee is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6 to 12; under 6 get in free. The fort is 8 miles east of La Junta on Highway 194.

### Exhibit in Money Museum

**The works of famed 19th century sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens,** sometimes referred to as the American Michelangelo, is jointly presented by the Money Museum, 818 N. Cascade Ave., and the Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St. The exhibit is in place until Oct. 26 at the Money Museum and the Fine Arts Center. The Money Museum is free and open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. Some pieces are in the Fine Arts Museum, which is free on Saturdays. Other days, the admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6 to 16.

### Buell Children's Museum

**Called "Handprints Around the World,"** hands-on activities help children learn about customs, language and clothing of seven continents. Admission to the Buell Children's Museum at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Admission includes entry to the Arts Center and White Galleries. Take Interstate 25 south to Pueblo, Exit 98b.

### Railroad show

**A model train show** is in the Masonic Center, 1150 Panorama Dr. Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$3 and children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. Sponsored by the Slim Rail Model Railroad Club, this is the 20th annual show and swap meet. Panorama Drive is west of Interstate 25 and Fillmore Street.

### Free concert

**The U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus presents a free concert** Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. in Palmer High School auditorium. Up to four free tickets may be requested by mail, by enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Academy Concerts; USAFA/34/TRW/SDAE; 2302 Cadet Dr., Ste. 12; U.S.A.F. Academy, CO 80840-6000.

### Bear in a blue house

**"Bear in the Big Blue House Live!"** is scheduled for the Pikes Peak Center Nov. 6 to 9. Shows Nov. 6 and 7 are at 7 p.m. There are daytime shows Nov. 7, 8 and 9. Call 520-9090 for tickets, which begin at \$13.50.

### Art exhibition openings

**The Fine Arts Center opened four new exhibits** featuring well known Western artists, photographs of the early West; tourism and marketing; and a final exhibit of prints by Gene Kloss. To see the exhibits, go to the Fine Arts Center at 30 W. Dale St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. The center is free on Saturdays; other days admission is \$2 to \$5.

### Art show

**The Denver Art Museum opened one of its best ever special exhibits: "El Greco to Picasso,"** through Jan. 4. The art is from the Phillips Collection and features artists Picasso, van Gogh, Monet, Renoir and Degas. Special admission is \$14.75 for adults, \$11.75 for students and \$6 for youths 6 to 18. Tickets are for a specific date and time and also include general admission to the museum. Exhibition hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The museum is closed Mondays. The museum is between Broadway and Bannock on 13th Avenue in downtown Denver. Go online at [www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org), or call (720) 865-2000. Park in the nearby garage or streetside.

## Happenings



Photo courtesy Denver Art Museum

***El Greco to Picasso ...***  
A painting by Degas, "Dancers at the Bar," is included in a special exhibit is in the Denver Art Museum in downtown Denver through Jan. 4. See page 27 for prices and hours.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Oct. 17.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on operations in Iraq, Combat Equipment Group Europe and truck rodeo. Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: stories on the USNS Sirius, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt and the commissioning of the USS Mustin (repeat). Airls at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: includes stories on Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Combat Controller School and The Nightingales (repeat). Airls at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts SCOLA, foreign language news broadcasts. Access the schedule at the Fort Carson Web site.

If you have comments on Channel 10 programming or wish to coordinate a broadcast on Channel 10, please contact Chief of Command Information at 526-1241 or via e-mail at [CommandInfo@carson.army.mil](mailto:CommandInfo@carson.army.mil).

Program times will be published in the *Mountaineer* provided coordination is made one week prior to publication.

If you wish to have a training videotape shown on Channel 9 only, contact the Regional Training Support Center at 526-5111.

For additions to the Community Calendar, please submit an e-mail or typewritten copy of the information to Public Affairs Office, room 2180, 6151 Specker Ave., Fort Carson, CO 80913 or fax information to 526-1021 no later than the Friday before airing time.